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Goodridge, MN 56725  
November 8, 2005

US Secretary of Agriculture  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington DC 20500

RE: New Farm Bill

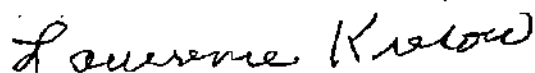
Dear Mr. Johanns:

I understand that you will be working on a new farm bill for 2007. I am writing to let you know that I have been extremely disappointed with the 2002 Farm Bill. Provisions in the old bill caused the loss of my crop history for CRP purposes. My land came out of CRP in 2003, and I wanted to put it back in CRP. I found out, that since I plowed it up once, the acres were no longer eligible, and the crop history was lost so I was unable to receive a new contract on those acres. I surely hope that provisions in the new Farm Bill prevent occurrences like this from happening again.

If it happens that a new Farm Bill doesn't get passed, could you try to get the portion that relates to the lost crop history in the 2002 Farm Bill changed? This would bring back the eligibility of former CRP acres and would mean a lot to myself, and other farmers who are experiencing the same problem. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from the FSA office which spells out the section of the bill which pertains to my plight. Hopefully, you can understand the problem, and recommend changes to make the policy work better for the farmer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Kiesow".

Lawrence Kiesow

Enclosure



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September 9, 2004

Mr. Lawrence Kiesow  
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Dear Lawrence Kiesow:

You requested to bid in the 29<sup>th</sup> CRP sign-up three pieces of land. Enclosed are copies of land in question. Upon checking cropping history from 1996-2001 we find this land is ineligible for the following reasons:

T9492 - Both pieces were CRP in the years 1996-2001, which would qualify the land if you had not been broken ~~it~~ up during recent years. Land previously enrolled in CRP that the grass cover continues to maintained as though enrolled in the program would be considered Conserving Use for cropping history purposes. The land in the scenario enclosed was tilled up and therefore it loses its Conserving Use status and is considered to have an ineligible cropping history.

T 10723 - According to our records was listed as State Land 1996-1997 with no report on file for cropping history. 1998-2000 it was listed as grass and hay. In 2001 it was listed as soybeans. Therefore, there is only one year of eligible cropping history and you need four out of six years from 1996-2001 to qualify.

The cropping history requirements will be in place and won't change through the current Farm Bill date of 2007.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call on this office. Thank you.

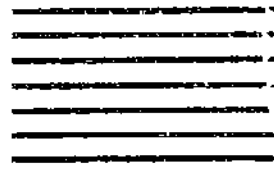
Sincerely,

JoDell Poolman  
County Executive Director

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